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Public Will Have the Chance To Vote for the Winner of This Year's Radon Poster Contest

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health is asking North Dakota residents to help choose the winner of the 2009 Radon Poster Contest.

In 2003, the North Dakota Department of Health started the statewide fifth-grade student Radon Poster Contest in partnership with the American Lung Association of North Dakota, North Dakota's local public health units and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Radon Poster Contest was started to increase public awareness and education about radon in the state.

For the past five years, Department of Health employees have chosen the state's radon poster winner, but this year the judging will be different.

"This year we are asking the public to vote for their favorite poster," said Justin Otto, Radon Program coordinator for the North Dakota Department of Health. "Who will be this year's winner? That's up to you!"

This year, the Department of Health will pick the top three posters from each participating class. The top three posters from each school will then be on display from Feb. 18 through 24, 2009, on the Department of Health's website and at Memorial Hall in the North Dakota State Capitol. During that time, the public is invited to the Capitol building to vote for their favorite poster or to vote online at www.ndhealth.gov (click on Radon Poster Contest).

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“I would like to congratulate all the students and thank the teachers and health professionals for their efforts in promoting radon awareness throughout North Dakota,” said State Health Officer Terry Dwelle, M.D. “Also, I urge everyone to support the radon poster contest by casting your ballot for the 2009 radon poster winner.”

The winner of the contest will be revealed March 10, 2009, on the department’s website and in a statewide news release.

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